

A. C. RUTHERFORD WILL BE EDMONTON CANDIDATE Given Warm Weather Harvest Will Be In Full Swing Aug. 20

Ex-Premier Will Contest Edmonton in Liberal Interests

But Cool Wave and Showers Will Delay Operations Week or Ten Days—Central Saskatchewan Yield Will Be Thirty Bushels Per Acre

Crops throughout central Alberta and Saskatchewan are now so far advanced that it is possible to estimate fairly accurately when the harvest will commence. The one unincertain quantity, however, is the weather. With warm, breezy weather, harvest will be general by August 20. Cool weather and showers will delay it until five or ten days after that date. Reports from various parts of the C.N.R. in Alberta and Saskatchewan indicate that in the section of the country traversed by that road harvest will be in full swing by August 25. In some localities it will be earlier.

Grains have begun during the past week to show the prospects that have prevailed all season in Alberta and Saskatchewan. The weather has been more settled during the past week than previously, a circumstance which all farmers are noting. It is expected that all through central Saskatchewan the spring wheat will yield 20 bushels per acre. This is considered a conservative estimate, taking into account the condition of the crop at the present time.

Farmers in Saskatchewan and Alberta are entertaining some fears as to the possibility of securing sufficient hands to harvest their crop. The wages are being offered to harvest hands. In places where the grain harvest is not yet commenced a number of men are being employed in putting up hay of which there is no scarcity in any part of the country.

Following are reports of crop conditions received from various points on the C. N. R. east of Edmonton. The majority of them are dated August 4th and contain a summary of the situation up to that date.

Fort Saskatchewan—Weather is continuing too cool and wet for proper maturing of the crops. A letter dated from here says that the grain never was seen in this district. Drier, brighter weather prevails from now and there is danger of frost. Harvest will not commence for two weeks yet.

Lacombe—Prompt rains and cool weather have retarded ripening of crops. Everything is looking fine but warm weather is needed. No damage is reported from hail or rust.

Vermilion—Harvesting will commence in this district about August 15. Although the weather has been quite cool there have been no frosts. Conditions have been more favorable during the last day or two and if good weather continues wheat will be matured and a bumper crop assured.

Minutemen—What the farmers want to insure a bumper crop is an abundance of sunshine to hasten the maturing of

the crop so it will be taken off before there is danger of frost. An unusually heavy yield is now in sight.

Brandon—The weather continues cool and damp, and the grain is ripening very slowly. Warm days are required to fill out the grain.

Islay—All grain crops are looking fine and the general opinion is that the prospects for the best harvest have been since the district opened. Weather during the past week has been shivery and unfavorable for laying but no damage has been done by the wet to any of the grain.

Considerable rain has fallen during the past week. Hay-making in the district is general. All grain is headed out and prospects look good for a record crop. No hail has been reported in this district.

Vegetables—Practically all wheat and oats is headed out and the only requirement now is warm weather to mature it. Some fields of early wheat are turning out good wheat and rain are keeping it green. The date of cutting depends on the weather. Warm bright weather will bring the harvest on in ten or fifteen days.

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MINISTER OF JUSTICE TENDERS RESIGNATION

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 7.—It is stated Sir Allan Aylesworth has placed his resignation in the hands of Mr. Wilfrid Laurier, but that it has not been accepted. In addition to car trouble, Sir Allan Aylesworth is suffering from neuritis and needs a holiday and treatment. It will be decided definitely within a few days whether he will contest North York or drop out of politics before the date of election.

10,000 HARVESTERS NOW IN WINNIPEG

SPECIAL TRAINS POUR IN SEA OF HUMANITY TO HARVEST CROP

(Western Associated Press.)
Winnipeg, Aug. 7.—Between nine and ten thousand harvesters arrived in the city on Saturday, all en route to the west and all anxious to get in the harvest field.

The Imperial Limited brought in the first contingent over the C.P.R., and followed at intervals during the day with other train loads. The Great Northern brought in a number of American harvesters, while the Canadian Northern special from the east, in two sections, brought in about a thousand.

Manitoba seemed to be getting the lion's share, for the first seven trains, the majority went no further than Moose Jaw and Saskatchewan. The outside, a number were dropped along the Souris and Napinka branch.

KAISER REVIEWS FLEET EARLY IN SEPTEMBER

(Western Associated Press.)
Berlin, Aug. 7.—It is announced that on September 5, at Kiel, the Kaiser will review the greatest array of German vessels of war ever assembled. The fleet will comprise 140 vessels of all classes and the number of men in their crews will approximate 25,000.

BELLAMY and McKINLEY ARE NOMINATED FOR CITY COUNCIL

BELLAMY MEETING TODAY

The committee which is handling the bye-election campaign in the interests of Thomas Bellamy, has secured the nomination of J. H. McKinley, for a seat in the council, left vacant by the late Mr. Bellamy's resignation. The committee has been an announced candidate for some time and his nomination party caused no ripple in the city council. The nomination came in shortly after the 11th hour this morning, but it was different when the second petition was handed in, the returning officer in the form. Who was to be the man to be sent forward to the fray has been a question of debate for the past week, and in the Bellamy camp, in places where men are wont to meet and discuss things political, but also in the McKinley camp itself. And it is known that it was not until late in the morning that Mr. McKinley himself, expected to run. An entirely different man was slated until this morning when it was discovered that after all Mr. McKinley would have to personally take the public stand as regards things political.

There is considerable stir and bustle in high camps today. Caucus meetings are being held and arrangements for the campaigning are being made. There will probably be announcements tomorrow of public meetings on the

Western Grain Crop Will Be Nearly 400,000,000 Bushels

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 7.—After a careful analysis of reports from over two hundred and twenty correspondents in the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, the Commercial in its annual crop report publishes an estimate of the grain crop as follows:

Wheat.....	183,312,337
Oats.....	169,794,800
Barley.....	27,638,784
Flax.....	8,201,700

Total grain crop..... 388,947,621

Cloud Burst in Kansas Wrecks Towns and Carries Away Bridges and Buildings

(Special to the Capital.)

Smith Center, Kansas, Aug. 7.—This section of northwestern Kansas was visited by a cloudburst last night and all streams in this and adjoining counties are out of their banks. Six inches of rain fell here in two hours, swollen streams carried off bridges and culverts which will cost \$100,000 to replace. The Rock Island railway lost 20 bridges and culverts in a section extending 15 miles west from here.

The town of Ithira, 15 miles south of here was struck by a tornado and several houses were blown down. A flour mill was blown down and its wreckage was swept away by the swollen river which is several miles wide at that place. Barns and buildings in the country were blown down and much stock killed, but no persons were seriously hurt.

COUNCIL TO NAME 2 COMMISSIONERS

Regardless of any statements to the contrary, it is the intention of the city council to name two commissioners. The committee appointed at the last meeting of the city council is seeking material for two new commissioners. So stated Mayor Armstrong this morning. It was reported that but one com-

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missioner would be selected. The committee appointed to select timber for commissioners consists of the Mayor, Alderman Mould and Grindley. Alderman Mould is rustling at the moment and has not found any commissioner timber cut there. The committee has not yet held a meeting.

SHEET METAL MEN AT OMAHA

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 7.—The annual convention of the National Association of Sheet Metal Contractors opened here today with a large attendance of members representing branch organizations of many cities throughout the country. In connection with the convention and exhibition of sheet metal and other sheet metal goods is held at the auditorium, which is attracting favorable attention. Among the interesting features of the convention is a lecture by H. M. Taylor, of Philadelphia, on the sheet metal business in the United States, and one by Charles Frier of New York, on furnaces. The sessions will continue until Friday.

LIBERAL CONVENTION

A Liberal convention has been called for the Edmonton district and will be held on Wednesday, August 16 at 2:30 p.m. in the Regatta Club hall. Notices regarding the primary will be sent to the proper officials. P. E. Lessard, President, James A. Mackinnon, Secretary.

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Answers Request of His Friends that He Offer Himself in Edmonton Constituency, Subject Only to the Choice of the Convention

Hon. A. C. Rutherford, ex-premier of Alberta and the man who has been in the forefront of all the events which have led up to the present situation in the political affairs of the Edmonton district, will be a candidate in the liberal interests for the seat at present held by Hon. Frank Oliver in the Dominion house. Mr. Rutherford's candidature is, of course, subject to the endorsement of the convention, which will be called at an early date, but that he will be the unanimous choice goes almost without saying.

The announcement of Mr. Rutherford's candidature is not altogether a surprise. Rumors have been afloat in the city for some time that he would allow his name to go before the convention, and it is well known that his friends, among whom are almost all the prominent workers in the liberal party, have been urgent in their requests that he become a candidate. His consent to do so was given this morning, when a delegation waited upon him and urged for an answer.

What the course of the Oliver forces will be under the circumstances, or whether Mr. Oliver will accept a nomination from his hand-picked association and become a candidate against the choice of the regular liberal association remains to be seen.

That Mr. Rutherford should become the party candidate for the seat held by Mr. Oliver is in the nature of poetic justice, as it was he who, as leader of the liberal government in Alberta, suffered most when Frank Oliver intrigued against and betrayed that government, and it was the work and policy of his government that was set aside to serve the ends sought by Oliver and to prevent the opening of the north country.

In going before the electors of the Edmonton district Mr. Rutherford does so in perfect accord with the government's stand on the reciprocity question, believing that if there is any fault at all to be found it is that the government was not sweeping enough in its reductions.

Between himself and Hon. Frank Oliver he leaves it to the electors to judge.

Many Stockbreeders will Have Exhibits at Big Fair

Classy Cattle, Swine, Sheep and Equines, Representing the Best in the Dominion, Will Be on Display at Exhibition, Which Opens Next Week

Sir William Van Horne and many other stockbreeders of continental repute, who have exhibited at the Dominion fair at Regina, have decided to bring their stock northwest for display at the Dominion fair at Regina, which opens next week. The Dominion fair at Regina, which opens next week, will be the largest and most complete stock show and race meet to be held in this city on August 15, 16, 17, and 18.

Five carloads of Southern cattle and horses are to be shipped into Edmonton in time for the exhibition next week by Sir William Van Horne. It is expected that the fair will be the largest and most complete stock show and race meet to be held in this city on August 15, 16, 17, and 18.

The exhibition offices are crowded each morning as they have never been in for many years. From today on the offices will be kept open until late in the evening, and all officials will be working almost night and day until the close of Edmonton's big annual event next week.

EXPRESS PLUNGES OVER EMBANKMENT GROUNDS AND STOCK SHOW BEST IN WEST

(Western Associated Press.)
Chicago, Ill., Aug. 7.—Passengers of the Pennsylvania 18-hour train which left here for New York at 2:45 were frightened but uninjured when the engine tender and baggage car jumped the track while going at full speed between Indiana Harbor and Chicago. The train was on the tracks and did not overturn. The engine jumped when the engine left the rails, and was hurt severely by the engineer stuck to his engine and went into the ditch with it, in some manner escaping serious injury.

Scouring Country for Two Escaped Convicts

Police Net Is Thrown Around New Westminster and Vancouver to Catch Prisoners Who Escaped from British Columbia Penitentiary Last Week

(Special to the Capital.)
New Westminster, Aug. 7.—The surrounding country is being scoured today for Joseph and J. W. Scott, the two prisoners who escaped from the penitentiary last week. The men were both sent over from Vancouver, and the Vancouver police, as well as the provincial authorities, are joining with the police of this city in an effort to locate the men.

South and Scott are both known as bad characters. The former, last February, broke into a second-hand store on Main street in Vancouver, and after briefly blinding the proprietor with a knife, escaped with a quantity of goods. On March 11 he was sentenced to eleven years in the penitentiary. He is 25 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches tall, and weighs 135 lbs. He has brown hair and blue eyes.

Scott was arrested July 3, 1910, with stolen goods in his possession, and received a sentence of seven years. He had been a pal of the man who tried to hold up a postman on First street last year, and whose name was later found on his gun and held over him until he was arrested. A large collection of stolen goods, mostly jewelry, was found in Scott's room.

Provincial Secretary Will Not Enter Dominion Politics

Prefers to Remain in Alberta Cabinet and Will Not Contest Medicine Hat Constituency—Probable W. A. Buchanan, M.P.P., Will Be Candidate

Lethbridge, Aug. 7.—In spite of the pressure which has been brought to bear upon Hon. Arch McLean, provincial secretary in the Alberta cabinet, to induce him to enter the federal arena and attempt to make his name, Mr. McLean has decided to remain in the cabinet and will not contest the Medicine Hat constituency in the last house of commons. Mr. McLean has given a categorical denial to the rumors that he will accept the nomination for the Medicine Hat constituency in the last house of commons. He has expressed a serious determination that he would not be justified in resigning from the Alberta cabinet at this time. He has accepted a seat there for the past year only.

W. J. Starks, a Medicine Hat rancher, is mentioned as a probable Liberal

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AMERICAN PENSION LISTS ARE INCREASING RAPIDLY

Sons of Confederate Soldiers, Now in U. S. House of Representatives, Are Liberal with Boys Who Were the Blue—Will Mean Large Expenditure per Year.

(By VICTOR ELLIOTT.)

Washington, Aug. 7.—With a large proportion of their membership made up of representatives from the south, of whom are sons of former Confederate soldiers, the democrats of the house have adopted a liberal pension policy toward the old union soldiers than has ever been recorded in the history of the government.

There is no better evidence of the cessation of sectional feeling than is shown in the fact that these southern democrats have joined with their brethren from the north in committing the democratic party in the house to a measure which will add between twenty and twenty-five millions of dollars for the next few years to the pension rolls of the country which now aggregate more than \$150,000,000 annually.

Never before has there been a movement to treat so liberal the old soldier as that which now constitutes a part of the program of the democratic house. In authorizing the house committee on invalid pensions to report the Sherwood dollar-a-day service pension bill, the democrats have committed themselves to that legislation. It means relief and comfort to the old veterans who are rapidly answering the last roll call.

Democratic "Union" Chairman

When the democrats assumed control of the house and organized its committees, they did a gracious thing. They selected as the chairman of the committee on invalid pensions, the body which has to do with the claims of the

veterans, the only democratic union soldier in either branch of Congress.

The fact is that there are only four union soldiers in the present house, which in itself shows that those who formerly bore arms in defense of their country have almost disappeared from the theatre of political activity. Besides General Sherwood, who represents the ninth Ohio district, there are only three others who were in the blue in the sixties. They are Representative Thistlewood of Illinois, Representative Bradley of New York and Representative Bingham of Pennsylvania, the "father of the house," all republicans. There are only seven members of the House who were former confederates, all of them democrats.

Thirty-five years ago, General Sherwood served one term in the house. He was then a republican. Four years ago he was returned as a democrat, and since that time he has been fighting for his "Dollar-a-day" service pension bill, but under the republican regime he was unable to get consideration for it. Instead the republicans of the house passed the Sulloway age pension bill, carrying, according to various estimates, from forty-five to seventy-five millions of additional appropriation. The Senate failed to act upon it, and it is now before the House.

Dollars a Day Pension

When General Sherwood was made the chairman of the committee it was conceded that his appointment meant the enactment of the dollar-a-day pension measure which recognizes merit and service rather than age as the basis upon which the gratuities of the government should be bestowed upon veterans. When this measure came up for consideration in a recent democratic caucus, it was a representative from the south, Mr. Sherwood, who moved that it be the sense of the caucus that the measure should be reported to the house and considered a part of the democratic program. There was but one vote in dissent.

Exemption Clause

The measure has an exemption clause which excludes from its benefits any soldier who has a yearly income of \$1,000 for the reason that it is figured that men who have incomes of this amount are not in need of additional aid from the government. Between twenty and twenty-five per cent of the old soldiers who would otherwise obtain advances in their pensions are thus excluded, while the benefits of the legislation will go to the poor and needy. There is a further provision in the bill much approved by the veterans, which stipulates that any soldier who under the measure draws a pension of \$30 a month shall not be eligible to be cared for in a national soldiers' home. This will not only save the government a large sum in the maintenance of these homes, but will enable the veterans to live outside of the houses at their own resources, as many of them desire to do.

Will Not Pass This Year

Because of the contemplated adjournment of Congress during August it will not be possible to pass the dollar-a-day bill at this session, but inasmuch as it is a part of the legislative program it will be taken up and passed at the regular session. Its enactment at this session would be of no advantage to the soldiers for the reason that the appropriation for pensions for the current year has already been made. In fact, it was made by the last Congress and any increase, such are contemplated under the Sherwood bill would not be available until the beginning of the next fiscal year on July 1, 1912.

Should the Sherwood bill pass, as is now planned, the pension appropriation act of the coming regular session will be the measure that will increase it. It is said that the President is not opposed to the service pension bill, as he is to the age pension bill, and the in-

justice of the latter measure is pointed out in that it would grant an increase to a 20-day soldier who happened to have reached a certain age, even though he never saw an enemy or fired a gun, while it would give no recognition to another soldier who may have served for three or four years and had not reached a certain stipulated age. Merit and service rather than age are made the basis of the measure to which the majority of the house have committed themselves, and the soldiers are reasonably assured of its enactment.

PRINCE OF WALES PLANS FOR YEAR

Will Pay Visit to Kaiser—Short Cruise on Home Fleet Battleship

(International News Service.)

London, Aug. 7.—A good deal of house has been written lately concerning the arrangements for the Prince of Wales during the forthcoming autumn. To judge from what has appeared in certain papers, he is about to embark upon a sort of triumphal progress through the courts of Europe. Those who know how simply the prince has been brought up and how anxious his parents are that he should remain a boy as long as possible, must be surprised at these statements.

As a matter of fact, he has only one engagement for the autumn, and that is to pay a strictly private visit to the German emperor and empress next September. He will stay at Potsdam for a few days and will then accompany the Kaiser to witness the grand maneuvers of the German army. No other visits to foreign courts will be paid until after he has attained his legal majority, which, in the case of the prince of the royal blood, is delayed. Later in the year he is to have a short cruise upon one of the newer battleships of the home fleet.

WOMAN TENDERS BALANCE IDEAS

(International News Service.)

London, Aug. 7.—Before a company containing some of the most distinguished names in France, Mrs. Rose Watts gave a demonstration of her theories on balance the other evening. Nothing could be more beautiful and harmonious than these exquisite movements, which reconstructed the grace of the Greeks and revealed the hidden secrets of their statuary.

Her Discobolus, Ganymede, Minerva and other figures brought back with startling accuracy and truth, the meaning of the classic pose, the perfect linking of moral and physical forces when equilibrium is attained.

It was small wonder that the audience was fascinated by this evocation of a forgotten art—the art of balance—and declared that, assuredly, this talented Englishwoman, who has wrested the immortal secret from the gods, should direct the national conservatory so that French artists may be taught (among other things) the grace of gesture and the true dignity of statuary.

Mrs. Watts leaves for London bearing the enthusiastic plaudits of society. London, Aug. 7.—At least two writers descriptive reports of the Canadian and the social economies associated with it for the New York and Chicago papers. In several cases \$200,000, a select squad of ordinary people, an ex-cabinet minister, and naturally a battalion of literary gentlemen, who usually share the daily press, added fat sums to their banking accounts by was paid.

TIGERS MENACE TO KOREAN FARMERS

(International News Service.)

Yokohama, Aug. 7.—Tigers have become a serious menace to the Korean farmers. Seven persons have recently been killed or seriously maimed in the Muehans district of the province of North Cholla.

A few days ago a great man-eater broke into the house of an old man in the village of Palangh, and in spite of the presence of a crowd of armed men in the street outside attacked and badly wounded the man and his son.

Ghostly discoveries have been made in a graveyard at Gushimoon, where tigers came down from the mountains and dug up and devoured the remains of a girl and two men.

A big battle is being planned in Seoul.

CORRESPONDENCE

CITY PLANNING.

To the Editor of the Capital.—

Dear Sir: In your editorial last night you make some rather caustic comments on the suggestion made by Mr. Johnston Grubb for a civic centre on 1st street, pointing out with considerable truth that a city hall surrounded by switches, trucks, and wholesale warehouses would not be ideally located. Your criticism does Mr. Grubb considerable injustice, for he is not presenting his suggestion, which was entirely based upon the distinctly stated assumption that the C.N.R. tracks be moved north as Mr. Potter's railway scheme and the present right of way made into a main radial traffic artery. As to the practicability of doing this, Mr. Grubb could of course give no opinion, but made the very wise suggestion that its importance to the development of the city justified a careful expert study of the matter.

If you will imagine the railway removed and the main station placed on a commanding site around First street or McDougall avenue you will realize how the radial avenue leading thence to the city hall, on the one hand and a widened Edifice street from the parliament building on the other, would provide a setting worthy of the occasion.

Your own suggestion appears excellent and should it be found impossible to remove the railway, but I think you might have stated Mr. Grubb's suggestion in the way it was made, as he certainly never proposed placing the city hall on Eighth street, with the railway situation as it now unfortunately exists.

Mr. Grubb's view of the railway problem appears to be shared by other outside experts. When Senator Gutteral, planning expert from Seattle, was here in December last, he stated in an interview that in his opinion it would one day become necessary either to raise, lower the lines or move them from the city altogether and that from the standpoint of civic development along arterial lines, the last named course would be most satisfactory.

Yours truly,

C. LYNEL RHDS.

A QUESTION OF ROAD.

To the Editor of the Capital.—

Dear Sir: Will you kindly insert in your valuable paper the following lines concerning a certain question of road in the vicinity of Edmonton near Woodford, 15 miles from the Capital.

About a year ago one of our farmers, Mr. E. Beaudette, called to see our member, Mr. J. A. McPherson in order to explain the very poor conditions of the roads in this district so near to the national capital, and especially about the opening of a road a mile in length going westward from the public school. Mr. McPherson promised Mr. E. Beaudette, at the time, that he would employ himself to have half a mile of that road open, if the farmers of the neighborhood would undertake the work of improving the other half a mile.

Confident in the "parole" of our member the farmers of Woodhead started at once on the part of the road, but although their work is over for a long time now we are still waiting for Mr. McPherson to do his part on the job.

As I said before, our roads are in a

FIRMS GRADUALLY BEING SUBJECTED

RUSSIA THE DOMINATING NATION FINLAND TO LOSE ITS INDIVIDUALITY

(Globe Cable Service.)

St. Petersburg, Aug. 7.—The Russian government is steadily and ruthlessly. According to advices from Helsinki, Vera and Luba Ostroff have been transported to Yalta, by administrative orders for five years. As is well known, Yalta, in places in Siberia—so terrible that many of the exiles die or become insane.

The order for the transportation of the "politicians" was signed by Krysanovsky, Mr. Stolypin's henchman. It appears that the teacher, Luba Ostroff, was arrested in Helsinki, on June 8, 1910, when her house was searched by the Russian police. Seven Russian workmen were at the same time arrested in Helsinki.

Miss Vera Ostroff, who occupied the post of proof-reader on the Finnish paper, "Työ," was arrested in Wladivostok on June 8, 1910, on which occasion she was arrested by the police. Sauter Jacobson was interned in the fortress of Peter and Paul, and has now been condemned to live years' exile in Siberia.

TO TUNNEL UNDER MOSCOW SQUARE

(Globe Cable Service.)

St. Petersburg, Aug. 7.—A proposal to tunnel under the Grand Square at Moscow, just outside the Kremlin walls, in order to run trams through without disturbing this historic site, has once more aroused the opposition of Moscow archaeologists, who fear for the safety of the Kremlin walls, the historic church of Ivan the Terrible, and the monument to Minin and Pozharsky.

The Kremlin walls, on the riverside, have already been very seriously injured by the heavy rains, and a large sum will have to be expended in underpinning.

THE CRY OF A WOMAN.

Oh, for the chance to start! The day!

Light brings

The same small tasks to crowd my life

again;

The years pass by me and my power

so long chained it is dying; she who

sings

Must know a life apart from little

things

Or the ever-turning wheel thins her

refrain

One eaves the day; a million dot the

plain,

And in my heart I know that I have

wined

Vain, vain, but more faint-hearted is

the cry.

I chose the life myself; I chose to stay

Here in the plain with those my heart

adores;

To make them happier, happier till I

die,

To turn the wheel more smoothly every

day.

Maybe, that is the way a woman wars.

—Pall Mall Gazette.

WHAT HE WANTED.

Clerk.—"Do you want a narrow man's

comb?"

Customer (gravely).—"No; I want

a comb for a stout man with rubber

teeth."—Baltimore American.

very bad shape and we scarcely can

get out of the slonches through which

these roads are passing since the farm-

ers have fenced their land.

We want to say that the conduct of

Mr. McPherson in this matter is more

than strange. If he does not want to

do anything for us, then why did he

promise to help us?

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Lord Ashton Explains Why Ireland is Poor

Few Have Definite Ideas Regarding Tilling of Soil and Only Small Portion Are Enabled to Farm Their Own Property as Landlords Refuse to Rent

(Globe Cable Service)
Dublin, Aug. 7.—Lord Ashton has written a characteristic letter to the newspapers on "Why Ireland is Poor," in the course of which he says:

"I live in the province of Connaught, and I cannot help wondering if any person living outside of Ireland has any idea as to how the soil of a land purchase is working there. To begin with, few men in Connaught have any idea of farming. Most of them who have bought private holdings before paying any instalment to the government. Up to the present the result in Connaught has been to drive the only men who have neither the necessary agricultural knowledge nor the capital to work the Irish soil fast to the wall."

It is plain that the whole system is wrong. Why should a man have a cottage placed on his land if he does not require a labourer? And if a labourer lives in a dilapidated house, why is not that house built on the site of the old? If a farmer needs a labourer he is not the right to choose the labourer who shall inhabit the house built upon his own land? Under the present system, however, the district council put him to the test as to whether they are competent labourers or not, and in many cases the men are chosen from purely political motives. I can mention one example of this kind of thing, which perhaps the largest of my own experience—the case of a man who had his cottage taken away simply because he was not a labourer. In short, these cottages are utilized in every possible way to prevent agitation.

Thirdly, let us consider the "development of the co-operative system," as inaugurated by Sir Horace Plunkett. To regard to certain minor matters, no doubt, it has done a great deal of good by enabling farmers to buy manures, seeds, etc., at a cheaper rate, but unfortunately as the Irish farmers are poor agriculturists and till as little of their land as possible, the benefits of the co-operative system are exceedingly insignificant when compared with the enormous disadvantages which the system involves. For instance, the creameries introduced by Sir Horace Plunkett under the co-operative system have doubt improved the quality of Irish butter, but side by side with this must be considered the fearful deterioration of Irish cattle in the creamery districts. In this connection I can speak from experience. "I am a large tenant of the largest of my own estate in Ireland, and formerly I purchased my cows from Limerick and the south of Ireland. I am now obliged to purchase them in districts where there are no creameries if I want to be sure of getting cows with frame, bone and constitution."

The real cause for the relief of these small farmers is employment, and the land purchase act has rendered employment more and more impossible. If land purchase is to continue, it must be voluntary, not in name only, but in fact. Anyone at all cognizant of the present state of affairs in Ireland knows perfectly well that without the weapon of intimidation not one quarter of the land which landlords have been virtually compelled to part with would have been sold. Many landlords who were willing and anxious to retain their estates and to continue to employ their tenants have been driven out of the country.

Secondly, let us consider the extension of facilities for housing the laboring population. I wonder if anyone has ever seriously studied this question. If they have, they should know that most of the cottages have been

erected with the following objects in view:

1. Out of sheer political spite, since the cottages are built on the land of the landlords.

2. To obtain local votes.

3. The cottages are being built on grass lands with a view to future distribution.

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KAISER BACK FROM NORTHERN CRUISE

WILL WITNESS THE ANNUAL MANOEUVRES OF ARMY AND THE NAVY

Berlin, Aug. 7.—The Kaiser is home again from his cruise in the North and has returned to Castle Wilhelmshof, near Cassel, for a month of recuperation. In the vicinity prior to conducting the annual "Kaiser manoeuvres" of the army and navy early in September.

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CHEERFUL VIEW OF SHIPPING

AUTUMN WILL BRING UNPRECEDENTED BOOM PROVIDING THAT THERE ARE NO MORE STRIKES

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London, Aug. 7.—The half-yearly circular Messrs. H. E. Moss and Co. take a cheerful view of prospects in the shipping trade, and suggest that the autumn will bring even better results. This presupposes, of course, that the strikes of seamen and dockers will not be of very long duration. These labor disputes must leave some mark on the year's balance-sheet. Probably loss they imply heavier wages bills for some considerable time to come. The only satisfaction is that the improvement in the freight situation affords a margin for contingencies of this description.

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